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TO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, FR, IT, MT

SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH MINTOFF

REFS: A) VALLETTA 208; B) VALLETTA 211

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S FULL AND EXCELLENT  
REPORTING OF STATUS OF TALKS WITH MINTOFF. YOUR CONTINUING  
ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE KEY FACTORS IN DECISIONS  
HERE.

2. WE CONCUR WITH EMBASSY VIEW THAT RESPONSES TO MINTOFF  
LIE WITH THE FRENCH AND ITALIANS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE,  
ALTHOUGH IT IS CLEAR THAT WE CAN NOT BE ENTIRELY DISINTERESTED.  
WE EXPECT THAT THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN POSITIONS IN DISCUSSIONS  
WITH MINTOFF WOULD BE LARGELY CONSONANT WITH OUR OWN GENERAL  
INTERESTS. HOWEVER, JUDGING FROM THEIR INITIAL TALKS AND FROM  
EXPERIENCE IN THE 1971 NEGOTIATIONS, MINTOFF SEEMS UNSWERVING  
IN PURSUIT OF HIS GOALS -- WHICH ARE STILL UNCLEAR -- AND NOT  
ONE TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS,  
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3. THE ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW WILL PROVIDE AN EARLY OCCASION  
FOR US TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SITUATION. WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS.  
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